

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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R.06-04-009

# NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

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Pursuant to Rules 1.4, 7, and 7.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission), the Energy Producers and Users Coalition (EPUC), hereby submits this notice of the following Ex Parte communication in the above-referenced proceeding.

On October 9, 2006, EPUC provided a summary of its position in this proceeding to President Peevey and Rami Kahlon, via US mail. EPUC stated that the Commission should adopt as an objective to "accommodate ongoing cogeneration options and encourage new cogeneration through a well-tailored emissions performance standard (EPS). Specifically, EPUC has requested that existing gas-fired cogeneration facilities be grouped with the combined cycle gas powerplants "deemed in compliance" with the EPS under SB 1368. EPUC has also requested that if existing gas-fired powerplants are included under the EPS, a standard of 1.1 to 1.4 lbs/kWh should be established to assure that no existing gas-fired facilities are pushed outside of the pool of available resources. Finally,

EPUC has advocated adoption of a specific formula for determining cogeneration emissions rates, which recognizes the thermal energy output from the facility:

#### **Total Emissions**

kWh of electricity + Btus of thermal energy converted to kWh

Thermal Btu would be converted to equivalent kWh using the standard engineering conversion factor of 3415 Btu/kWh."

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#### Energy Producers and Users Coalition SUMMARY OF POSITION IN R.06-04-009 (Phase I: EPS Implementation)

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